

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 38

Introduced by Assembly Member Houston
(Coauthor: Senator Torlakson)

February 18, 2003

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 38—Relative to Thomas E. Burnett, Jr. Memorial Bridge.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 38, as introduced, Houston. Thomas E. Burnett, Jr. Memorial Bridge.

This measure would designate the Fostoria Overcrossing on State Highway Route 680 in the City of San Ramon as the Thomas E. Burnett, Jr. Memorial Bridge.

The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect appropriate plaques and markers.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, Thomas E. Burnett, Jr. lived with his wife Deena
2 and daughters Halley, Madison, and Anna Claire in the City of San
3 Ramon; and

4 WHEREAS, On September 11, 2001, terrorists hijacked four
5 civilian aircraft, crashing two of them into the twin towers of the
6 World Trade Center in New York City, and a third into the
7 Pentagon outside Washington, D.C.; and

8 WHEREAS, Thomas E. Burnett, Jr. was a passenger on United
9 Airlines Flight 93, the fourth hijacked aircraft, which crashed in

1 southwestern Pennsylvania after passengers tried to take control
2 of the aircraft in order to prevent the hijackers from probably
3 crashing the aircraft in Washington D.C. into an important symbol
4 of democracy and freedom; and

5 WHEREAS, The heroic actions taken by Thomas E. Burnett, Jr.
6 and his fellow passengers likely prevented the further loss of life;
7 now, therefore, be it

8 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
9 *thereof concurring*, That the Fostoria Overcrossing on State
10 Highway Route 680 in the City of San Ramon is hereby officially
11 designated the Thomas E. Burnett, Jr. Memorial Bridge; and be it
12 further

13 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested to
14 determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers, consistent
15 with the signing requirements for the state highway system,
16 showing the special designation, and, upon receiving donations
17 from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those plaques and
18 markers; and be it further

19 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit a copy
20 of this resolution to the Director of Transportation.

